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The Antique Gift Shop

The antiques take their show on the road when a delivery boy with a dark, murderous streak gets stuck in a freaky mansion with its equally freaky inhabitants. The young man finds solace in the "Son" of the family—a mistreated but cherubic (and relatively normal) little boy who is the exact opposite of the mansion and everything in it. But why does everyone keep telling him to stay away from this little angel?

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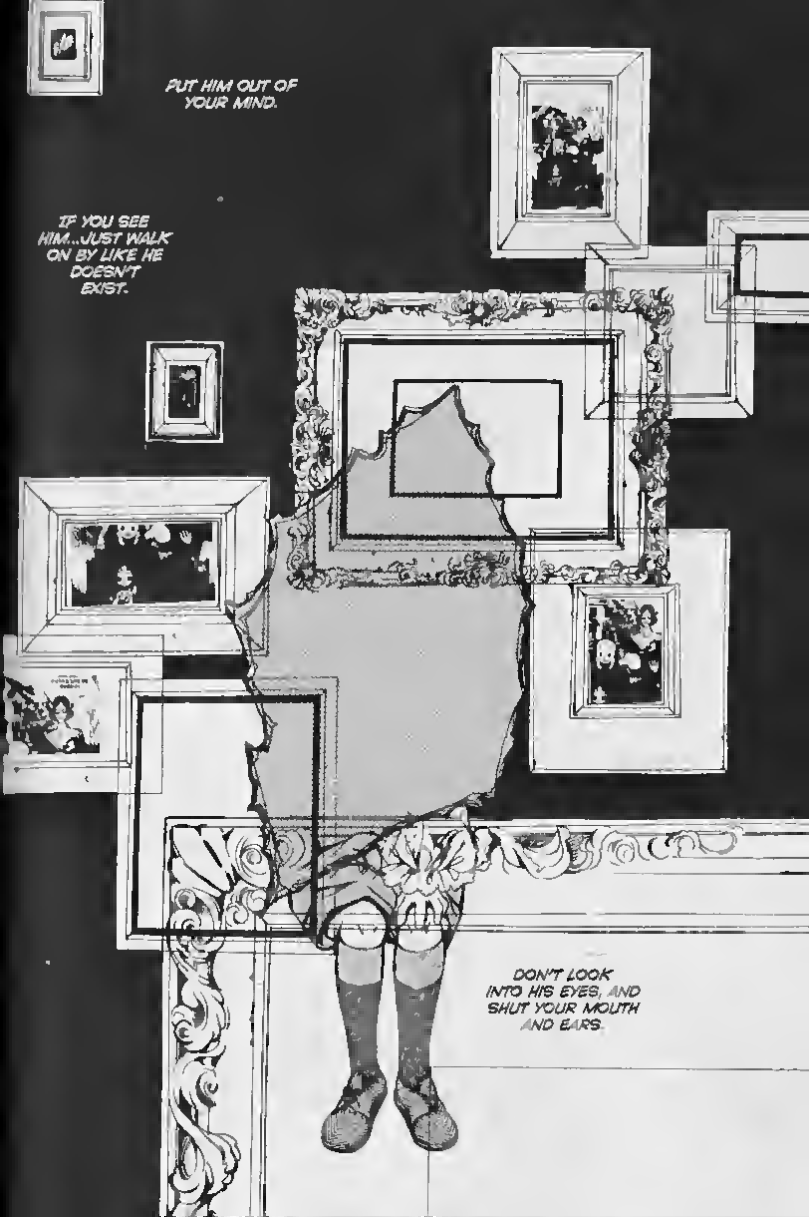
"SON" HAS RETURNED.
SNOW Heights
"SON" IS SO DIFFERENT FROM US, IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS. HE'S LIKE SOME KIND OF MONSTER


PUT HIM OUT OF YOUR MIND.
IF YOU SEE HIM...JUST WALK ON BY LIKE HE DOESN'T EXIST.
DON'T LOOK INTO HIS EYES, AND SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND EARS.

ARE YOU...

...SON!?

HA
HA
HA
STOP! YOU'RE KILLING ME!
THIS IS ALL A JOKE, RIGHT?
I DON'T HAVE BLACK HAIR, OR MY SISTER'S BEAUTIFUL GRAY SKIN
I DON'T EVEN HAVE THOSE COOL DARK CIRCLES UNDER MY EYES LIKE MY FATHER DOES
ON TOP OF THAT...
...WHAT BOTHERS ME MOST OF ALL IS...
IS HE BECOMING A MONSTER?

SWISH
!!
A SUNNY SMILE LIKE THIS IS A CRUEL CURSE! SNIFF, SNIFF, SNIFF..
BA-BUMP
WHAT IS... THIS FEELING?
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
TSK-TSK-TSK. THESE PEOPLE ARE CUCKOO.

NOW I KNOW WHY YOUR PICTURES WERE DEFACED ..
.. AND WHY YOU RAN AWAY FROM HOME
I...DIDN'T RUN AWAY
I WAS JUST... HIDING FROM MY FAMILY THEY HATE ME

LISTEN TO ME. YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY SANE PEOPLE IN THIS HOUSE.
YOUR MOM LOOKS LIKE A QUEEN BEE, AND IT'S ALL DOOM AND GLOOM WITH HER. YOUR DAD'S LIKE A CORPSE, AND YOUR SISTER'S LIKE A DEFORMED CHIHUAHUA.
THEN... YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF ME?
YOU DON'T HATE ME TOO?
NO YOU'RE NOT THE MONSTER THEY MAKE YOU OUT TO BE

WHOOMP
I- HAVE A FRIEND NOW.

SQUEEZE
ARGH..
H-HEY... I CAN'T BREATHE
SLIPPED
?

POOR KID. HE MUST'VE BEEN LONELY
GRAB
HE KIND OF REMINDS ME OF MYSELF
I'VE BEEN ALONE SO LONG, I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ANY OTHER WAY
AND IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE REMEMBERS ME, EITHER

PHEW
THIS ROOM'S OVERFLOWING WITH HUMANITY IT'S LIKE A FAIRY TALE
THE POLICE MUST HAVE FOUND THE BODY BY NOW
HOW LONG WILL THEY LET ME STAY IN THIS HOUSE?

IF I COULD STOP TIME RIGHT NOW, I WOULD
SNOW Heights

SHUDDER
AHHH!
BREAKFAST IS READY.
W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?

CHOMP
CHOMP
CLANG
CLANG
GULP
GULP
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
GULP
GULP
GULP
DON'T YOU EVER FEED HIM?

BAM
D-DID YOU MEET HIM?
HE MAKES ME LOSE MY APPETITE. YOU CAN EAT ALONE.
WHY ARE YOU PEOPLE SO CRUEL? YOU LOCKED HIM UP LIKE HE'S DISEASED OR SOMETHING!
HE MIGHT AS WELL BE

YOU GUYS ARE UNBELIEVABLE.
WHO'S REALLY SICK HERE?
I TOLD YOU TO PRETEND YOU DON'T SEE HIM! DO YOU WANT TO DIE?

PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
THAT WITCH! SHE'S FREAKY!
THEY'RE ALL CRAZY!
WHAT DO I CARE? IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, AND I DON'T WANT TO GET KICKED OUT
MY HEART...
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

!
WHERE'RE YOU TAKING ME?
CREEEEK

COULD YOU PLEASE PUT OUT YOUR CIGARETTE? THEY'RE VERY SENSITIVE
!
THIS IS MY SECRET PLACE. MY WIFE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT.

THIS IS MY YOUNGEST SON.
HE WAS ONLY THREE MONTHS OLD WHEN HE LEFT US.
MY CONDO-LENCES
THANKS WE'RE ALL FINE NOW.
HUH? THESE FLOWERS...
THAT'S STRANGE. I DIDN'T PLANT THESE FLOWERS.

I THINK HE'D LIKE IT HERE TOO. YOUR OTHER SON, I MEAN
...THEY ONLY BLOSSOM ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS
DO YOU LIKE THEM? THEY'RE VERY BEAUTIFUL, DON'T YOU THINK?
I'M SO ANGRY

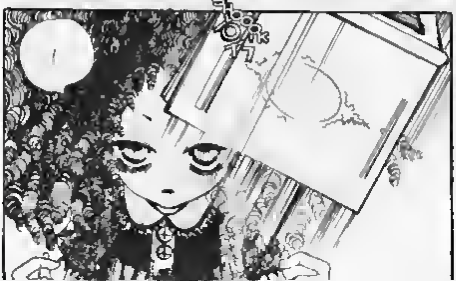
IF IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, WHY AM I SO MAD?
QUENCH
BUT... I HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM
THEY'RE LIKE BUGS DIRTY AND CREEPY
I WANT TO STEP ON THEM!
ROWR

CRUNCH
우적
CRUNCH
우적
CRUNCH
우적
WHEN THE RARE BLOOM BLOSSOMS, IT WILL RUIN THE WHOLE GARDEN IN A SINGLE DAY.
CRUNCH
우적
CRUNCH
우적

ARGH!
MY EYE!
AIEEEE
아 아 아
EEH...
EEUU...

HA!
HA!

"A SLIGHTLY UNPLEASANT GHOST"? WHAT ARE YOU READING THIS FOR?
IT'S
SCAR
GIVE ME THAT


SLINK

TA-DA
GROOWL
BY ANY CHANCE, DO YOU WANNA EAT ME?

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE FREAKY EYES
IT'S LIKE I'M BEING MARINATED
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO SMILE?
MOST PEOPLE LAUGH AT MY JOKES
WHAT A GHOUL!

MY FAMILY SEEMS TO LIKE YOU.
IF I LOOKED LIKE YOU, YOU THINK THEY'D LIKE ME TOO?
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW I USE THIS FACE OF MINE?

I KILL PEOPLE FOR MONEY... THAT'S MY JOB
YOU HAVE A FAMILY AND A PLACE TO LIVE. I'VE GOT NOTHING
BUT... I WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE!
IF YOU LOOK YOUNG AND UNTHREATENING THE WAY I DO, PEOPLE LET DOWN THEIR GUARD...
HEH HEH
I'M GETTING USED TO THIS PLACE. MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, AND I FIT IN HERE BETTER THAN YOU DO.

I WISH I COULD BE YOU
I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE FRIENDS WITH A KID LIKE HIM
SMILE
HE'S PRETTY DAMN CUTE

OH, I GOT YOU SOMETHING...
?
!
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
-SNIFF
THANK YOU...
DON'T CRY ALL OVER IT
-SNIFF
BY THE WAY, WHOSE CIGARETTES ARE THESE? THEY WERE UNDER MY BED
I DON'T KNOW. MY FAMILY HATES THE SMELL.
WHERE SHOULD I...
...GO WHEN I RUN AWAY FROM HOME?
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
TSK-TSK. YOU'RE GOING TO NEED MONEY IF YOU WANT TO ESCAPE

IF I HELP AN ANGEL LIKE YOU IT MIGHT JUST SAVE MY SOUL TOO.

I'M SO BORED
!
HEY.
YAH! Y-Y- YOUR FACE IS...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
SHAKING

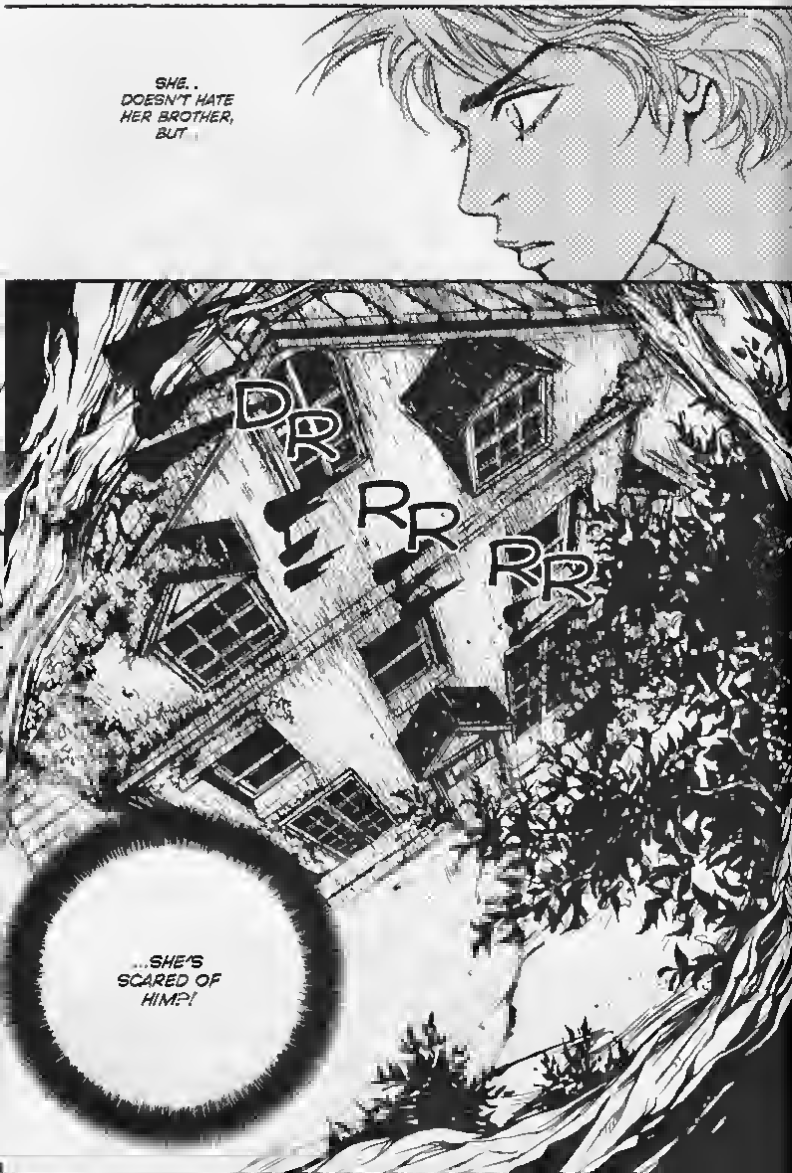
I TOOK OFF MY MAKE-UP.
LET'S PLAY TOGETHER
SHE LOOK'S UNNATURAL...
?
FLOP

LOOK AT ME! I'M A DEAD BODY
HA
HA-HA-HA. YOU'RE WEIRD
SO'S YOUR SMILE

RIGHT NOW, I FEEL LIKE THERE'S ONLY US AND THE HOUSE IN THE WORLD
IT'S GONNA SNOW
IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER?
THE GROUND IS SHAKING.

THE SHAKING MEANS SNOW IS COMING
DRRRRRE
ERRRRRE
DRRRRRE
WHEN IT SNOWS, EVERYONE HAS TO BE CAREFUL
...
...

QUIT BABBLING.
WHY DO YOU HATE YOUR BROTHER? DO YOU RE..LLY THINK HE'S DEFORMED?
YOU DON'T KNOW RE..L FEAR.
WHAT?
YOU CAN ONLY SEE THE TRUTH WHEN YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES


SHE.. DOESN'T HATE HER BROTHER, BUT
DR
RR
RR
...SHE'S SCARED OF HIM?!

SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
?
SNIP
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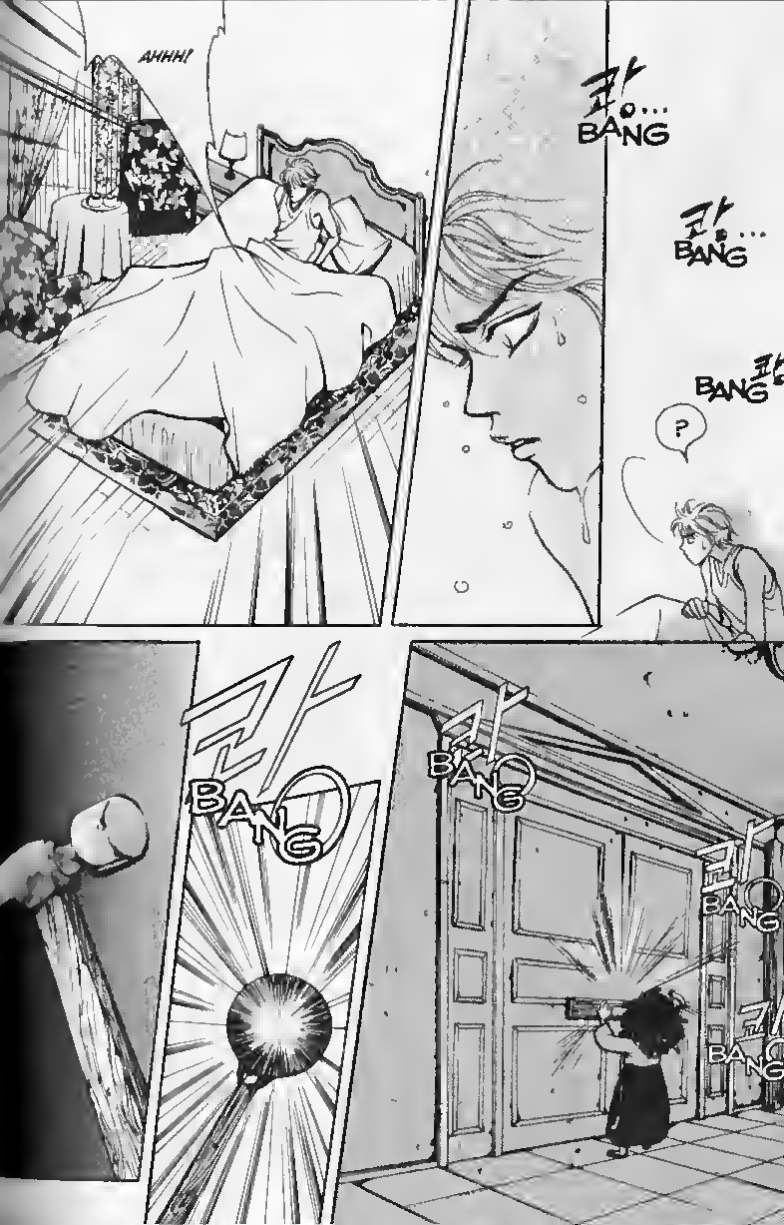
SNIP
SNIP

WHO'S THERE?
WAA-AH
WAAAH
WAAAAAH
NOOOO!


AHHH!
쾅...
BANG
쾅...
BANG
BANG 쾅
?
BANG
BANG
BANG
쾅
BANG
BANG

THUD
YOU EVIL WITCH!

BAM

EVERY-
THING'S
OKAY.
DON'T BE
SCARED.
I CAN'T
LET YOU
STAY HERE
ANYMORE
PACK UP
YOUR STUFF.
WE'LL LEAVE
THIS HOUSE
EARLY IN THE
MORNING
MY FAMILY
WON'T LET
ME GO.
JUST
TRUST
ME

NO, I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TO YOUR PARENTS, BUT WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
CLING
NAME?
I'M "SON."
OH!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
ACTUALLY, NO ONE'S CALLED ME BY MY NAME IN A WHILE. EITHER YOU'LL NEED A NAME ONCE YOU LEAVE THIS HOUSE
KNEE DROP
REALLY? I WANNA HAVE A COOL NAME I BET YOURS IS COOL!
NOT REALLY. IT'S YOUNG-WOO KIM.
YOU CAN HAVE IT IF YOU WANT IT
REALLY?

TA-DA!
WOW, YOU REALLY DO LOOK LIKE ME
YOU'RE RIGHT
WAS HE ALWAYS SO TALL?

YOUR NAME... CAN I REALLY HAVE IT?
WHAT?
.....
WHAT SHOULD I PACK?
I CAN'T BRING ALL MY TOYS SHOULD I PICK JUST ONE?

HOW DID YOUR BROTHER DIE?
WHO?
THIS KID!
HE HAD A HEAD INJURY
HE FELL DOWN THE STAIRS

IT WAS REALLY SAD.
YOU SHOULD VISIT YOUR BROTHER'S GRAVE BEFORE WE GO...
GRAVE? WHERE IS IT?
WELL, IT'S A SECRET...
—BUT SINCE WE'RE LEAVING I'LL TELL YOU.
HEY, DID YOU PACK MY BANK BOOK?

HIS FACE
I'LL LOOK AT HIS FACE SO I WON'T FORGET IT
I'VE BEEN WAITING.
...FOR THIS MOMENT FOR A LONG TIME

CREEEEK
SLAM

P

YOU . YOUR HAIR AND FACE
WHAT ...?

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
DON'T BE ANGRY
WE DID OUR BEST TO KEEP HIM IN THIS HOUSE

ARE YOU SAYING HE DID THIS?
YOU'RE HIS FAMILY.
HOW WERE YOU BLIND TO HIS GOODNESS?
THERE'S NO WAY HE DID THIS.
WHAT DID HE EVER DO TO YOU?
CAN YOU EVEN TELL ME?!
YOU
THREA
ARE
INSANE

AND NOW YOU'RE MAKING ME CRAZY!
YOU'RE THE ONE...
...WHO'S BLIND TO THE TRUTH.

HE'S BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY...
...WAITING FOR YOU, FOR YEARS.
?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID TO HIM?
I GAVE YOU A MILLION CLUES. BUT CLEARLY YOUR WITS HAVE DULLED.
DAUGHTER, YOU KNOW HE WAS NEVER THAT CLEVER

ANYWAY, WELCOME HOME
WELCOME BACK.. "SON."

SO DERANGED!
STOP IT! YOU'RE SCARING ME..
TSK-TSK-TSK. IT'S TOO LATE
GET OVER IT. I'M GOING TO SEE "SON"
HE DIDN'T RUIN THE GARDEN
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT
YOU DESERVE WHAT YOU'LL GET!

DON'T YOU SEE IT YET?
ALL THE THINGS HE PREPARED FOR YOU WHILE HE WAS WAITING, AND .
WHY HE WAS CUT OUT OF ALL THE PICTURES?
YOU FORGOT WHAT YOU DID TO HIM?!
BAM
HEY!

HE COULDN'T HAVE LEFT ALREADY.
TOK
TOK
TOK
SHHHHK

WELCOME
HOME

...SON!!"

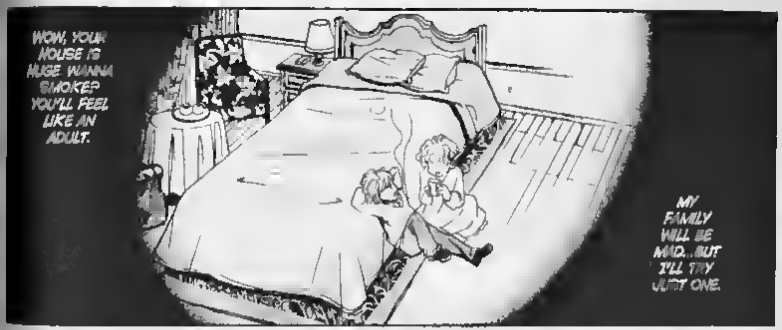
WAIT!

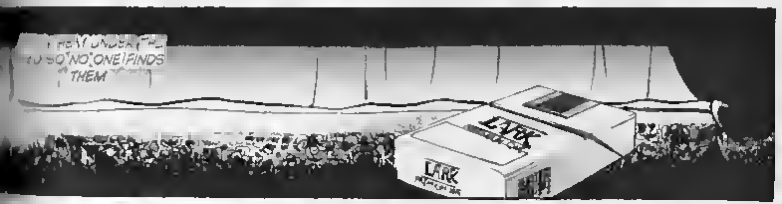
BAM

SO HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE BACK HOME?
BAM
I KNEW YOU COULDN'T STAY AWAY.
HOME IS LIKE THAT.
WHEN YOU'RE HERE, YOU FEEL RESTRICTED, BUT IRONICALLY, IT'S ALSO YOUR LAST SAFE HAVEN.

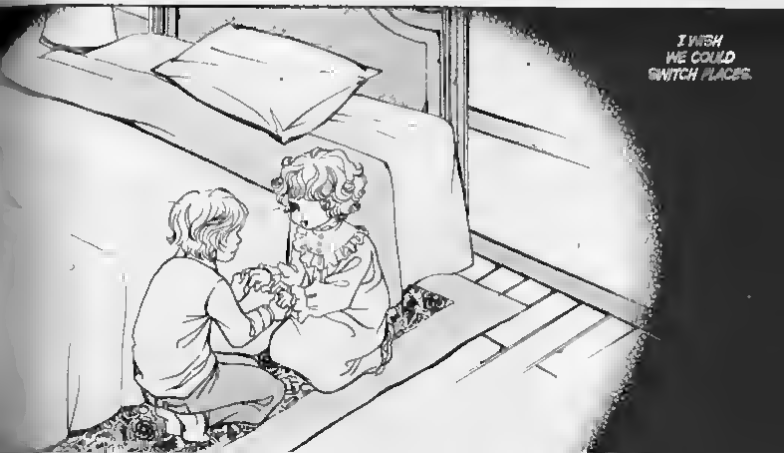
WHAT IS THIS?
BAM
BAM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
...!
THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE..
WHERE A KIND FATHER, A WISE MOTHER..
..A SMART DAUGHTER, AND A DELINQUENT SON ALL LIVE TOGETHER.
PEOPLE CALL IT "SNOW HEIGHTS"

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I FOUND THIS PLACE BY CHANCE..
...AND I MET AN ANGEL
I'M "SON"
WELCOME... YOU LOOK TIRED WHY DON'T YOU REST HERE?


WOW, YOUR HOUSE IS HUGE. WANNA SMOKE? YOU'LL FEEL LIKE AN ADULT.
MY FAMILY WILL BE MAD...BUT I'LL TRY JUST ONE.

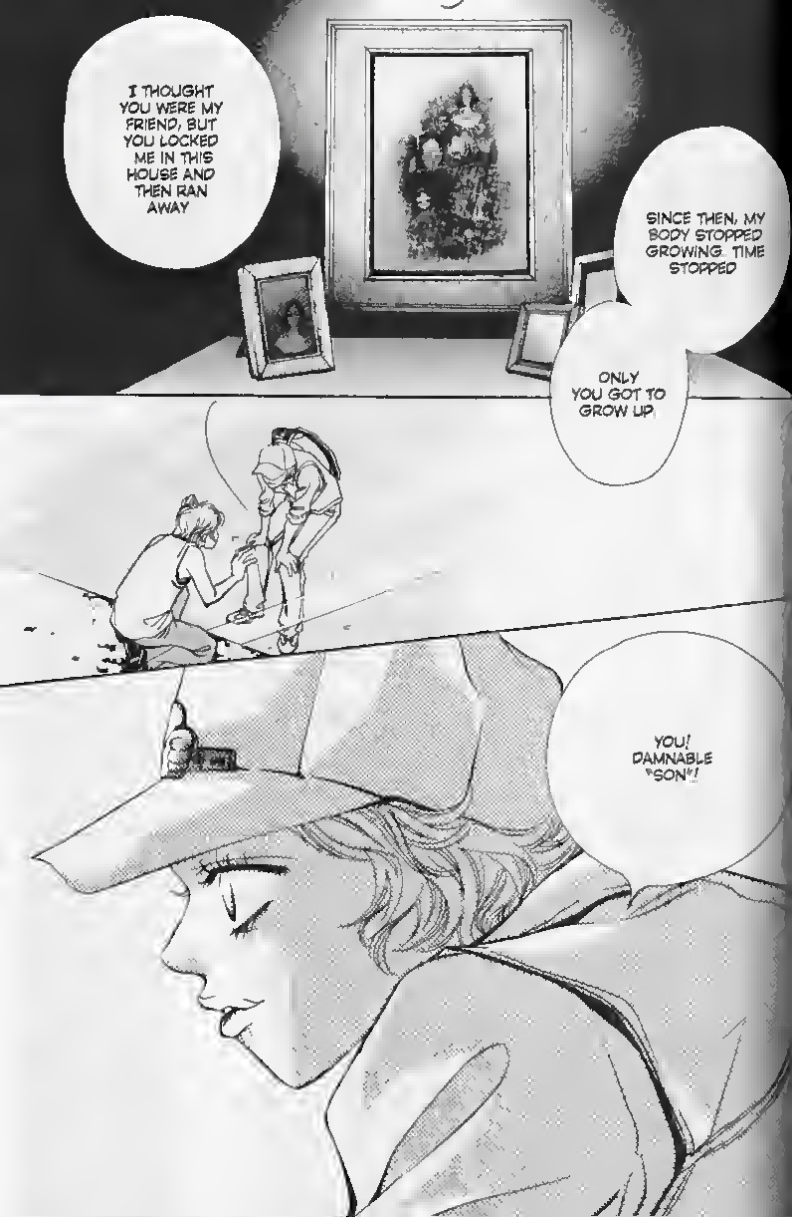

I HIDE UNDER THE BED SO NO ONE FINDS THEM

I'VE NEVER LEFT THIS HOUSE.
AND I NEVER CAN.


I WISH WE COULD SWITCH PLACES.

I WON'T BE GONE LONG.
TOMORROW..
TOMORROW..
..YOU'LL COME BACK, RIGHT?

TOMORROW WE'RE HAVING OUR PICTURE TAKEN


I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY FRIEND, BUT YOU LOCKED ME IN THIS HOUSE AND THEN RAN AWAY
SINCE THEN, MY BODY STOPPED GROWING. TIME STOPPED
ONLY YOU GOT TO GROW UP
YOU! DAMNABLE "SON"!

BAM
YOU'RE MAKING THIS UP! LET ME OUT!
BAM
...ABOUT YOUR BROTHER...
I FEEL KINDA BAD FOR HIM
HEE-HEE AFTER YOU LEFT...
NO! YOU'RE "SON." YOU HAVE TO STAY IN THERE, OR THIS PLACE WILL BECOME UNBALANCED
OH, AND...
...YOUR FAMILY WAS ALL I HAD TO TAKE MY ANGER OUT ON

AFTER THAT INCIDENT...
...YOUR ANGELIC FAMILY GREW SCARED OF ME
THEY'D NEVER HAVE THE GUTS TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH

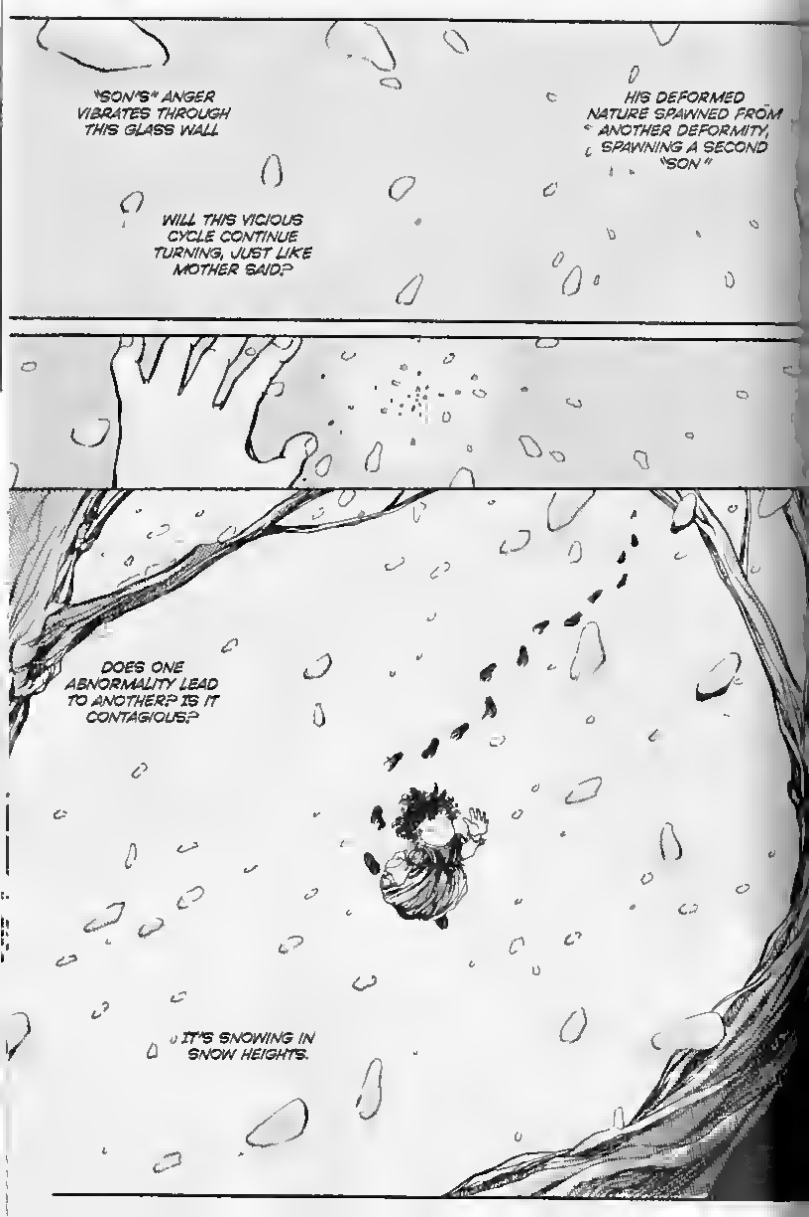
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR DEADLY ABNORMALITY IS?
THAT YOU'RE NATURALLY EVIL, AND YOU CAN'T CONTROL IT.
THIS IS WHO YOU REALLY ARE

AHHHHHHHH
KRANG
COME BACK!
YOU BASTARD!
E!
KRANG
LET ME OUT! COME BACK!
E!
KRANG
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
E!
KRANG

HE IS LEAVING...
WHY.. DO CHILDREN ALWAYS WANT TO LEAVE HOME?
HE'LL BE BACK ONE DAY, WON'T HE?
MMM.. FRESH AIR..
HE'LL RETURN WHEN THE WORLD GROWS TOO HARSH FOR HIM. IN THE MEANTIME, "SON" WILL HAVE TO WAIT...

...FOR HIS OWN CHANCE AT FREEDOM
DRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

IT SNOWED
AND MY BROTHER, "SON," CAME HOME


"SON'S" ANGER VIBRATES THROUGH THIS GLASS WALL
HIS DEFORMED NATURE SPAWNED FROM ANOTHER DEFORMITY, SPAWNING A SECOND "SON"
WILL THIS VICIOUS CYCLE CONTINUE TURNING, JUST LIKE MOTHER SAID?
DOES ONE ABNORMALITY LEAD TO ANOTHER? IS IT CONTAGIOUS?
IT'S SNOWING IN SNOW HEIGHTS.

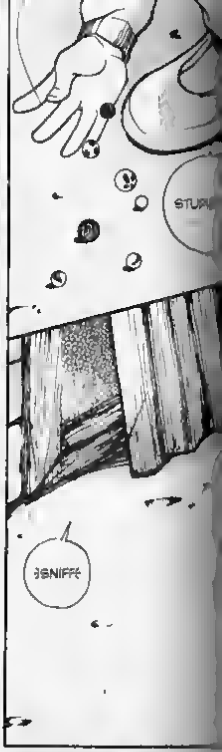
SNOWFLAKES IN
SNOW HEIGHTS DANCE TO
WELCOME HOME THEIR
PRODIGAL SON

A MURDER?
YES PLEASE POST THIS SKETCH OF THE SUSPECT
스노우 하이츠의 행복한 가족
SNOW HEIGHTS
NO ONE WANTS TO SEE THAT HERE!
IF YOU REALLY WANT ME TO HANG IT UP...

*KEA: MONETARY UNIT

ARE YOU DONE YET?
UHHH

IT HURTS...
I TOLD YOU YOUR TUMMY WOULD HURT IF YOU ATE TOO MUCH.


STUPI
SNIFF

IT HURTS STOP IT

HEY, KID...
WHERE IS YONG-KUM CHO'S HOUSE?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, CHILD?
LET GO

SHOOK
EVEN.
..OR ODD? PICK RIGHT TO HEAR THE ANSWER.
...
BUN-NYUH!

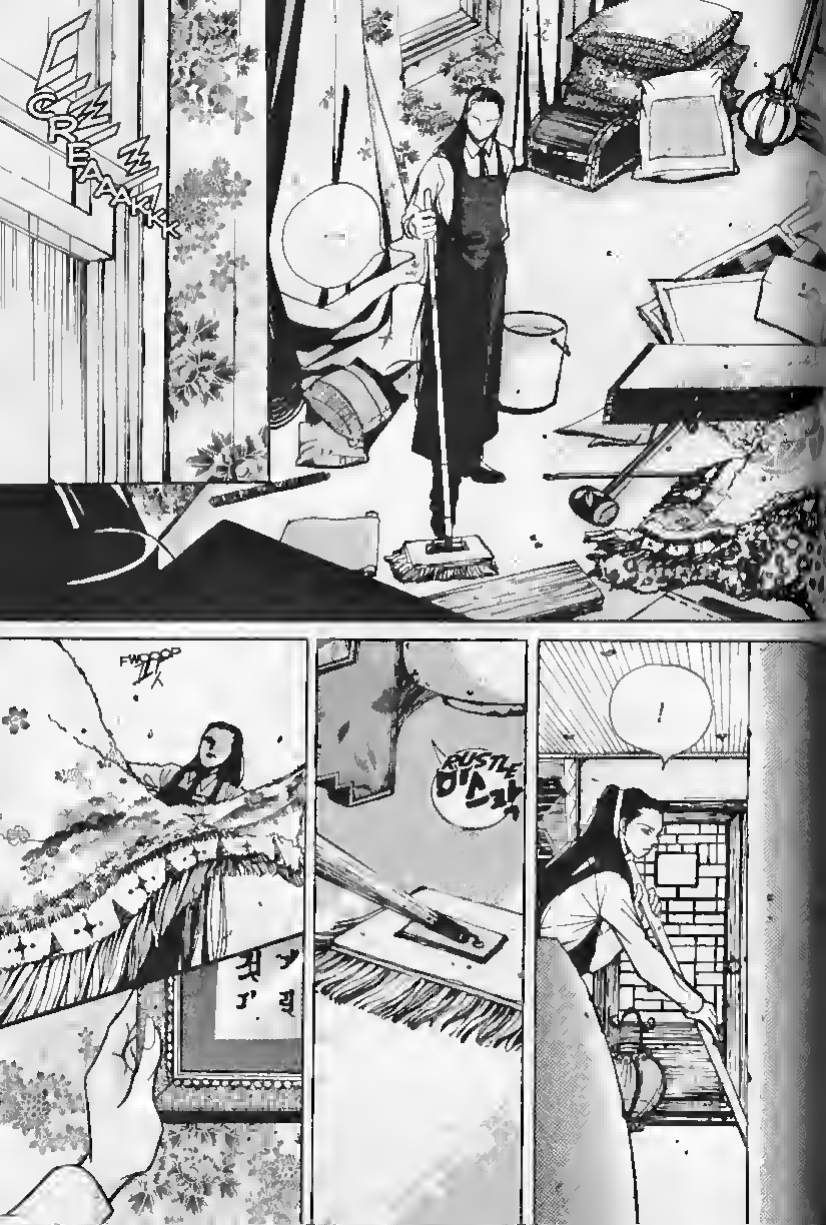
YONG-KUM..
YONG-KUM CHO
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
PLEASE, DO COME INSIDE LET'S HAVE SOME RE-FRESHMENTS

GOOD. I'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.
GIVE ME THOSE MARBLES
NO WAY! DO YOU ALWAYS TAKE MY STUFF?
BORN ON FEBRUARY 29TH, 1984.
PAAK!
THUD
GIMME THOSE, WITCH!

PUSH
...BUN-NYUH CHO, GRAND-DAUGHTER OF YONG-KUM CHO...
IS THAT HER?
HA-HA-HA!
WAAAH~
I HATE YOU, MOM. HATE YOU!

GRANDMA, I HATE MY MOM
WHAT KIND OF MOM IS SHE?! OTHER KIDS DON'T HAVE MOMS LIKE HER WHY ME?!
WAAAH
GRANDMA, WHAT'S WRONG WITH BUN-NYUH'S MOM?
HEE-HEE-HEE...

Chapter 8—Go? Or Stop?


CREEAAAKKK
FWOOOP
RUSTLE
!

A. PR. OGP
SAG
IS IT DEAD?
ARE YOU ONE OF THIS HOUSE-HOLD'S DEITIES?
COUGH
LEAP
LEAP
LEAP

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT ANIMALS THAT REWARD A PERSON'S KINDNESS?
HE WANTS TO GRANT YOU A SPECIAL WISH.
IF NOT FOR YOU, HE'D HAVE DIED FROM THAT HAIRBALL

HELLO.
I'M TOFU ONO
YOU'RE ONE OF THE TOP THREE CALLIGRAPHERS IN JAPAN...
*KOREAN PLAYING CARDS
YOU'RE ALSO THE ONLY HUMAN WHO APPEARS IN HWATOO*, RIGHT?
THEN THIS FROG IS..
TWINKLE
TWINKLE
YES.
HE IS THE FROG FROM HWATOO TELL HIM YOUR WISH EVERYONE DOES
WHAT THE HELL?! YOU'RE A SHAMELESS WITCH!
WHY MUST SHE USE SUCH ROUGH LANGUAGE?
TSK-TSK

OKAY...
...MAY I ASK YOU A FAVOR?
...

WHY DO I HAVE TO GIVE ANYTHING TO A WENCH LIKE YOU?!
IT'S A DANGEROUS SURGERY... I MIGHT DIE
IF I SURVIVE, IT'LL BE LIKE I'VE BEEN REBORN
DON'T BOTHER! JUST DIE!
EL
BANG
DID YOU FINISH CLEANING? DID YOU THROW AWAY ALL THE JUNK?

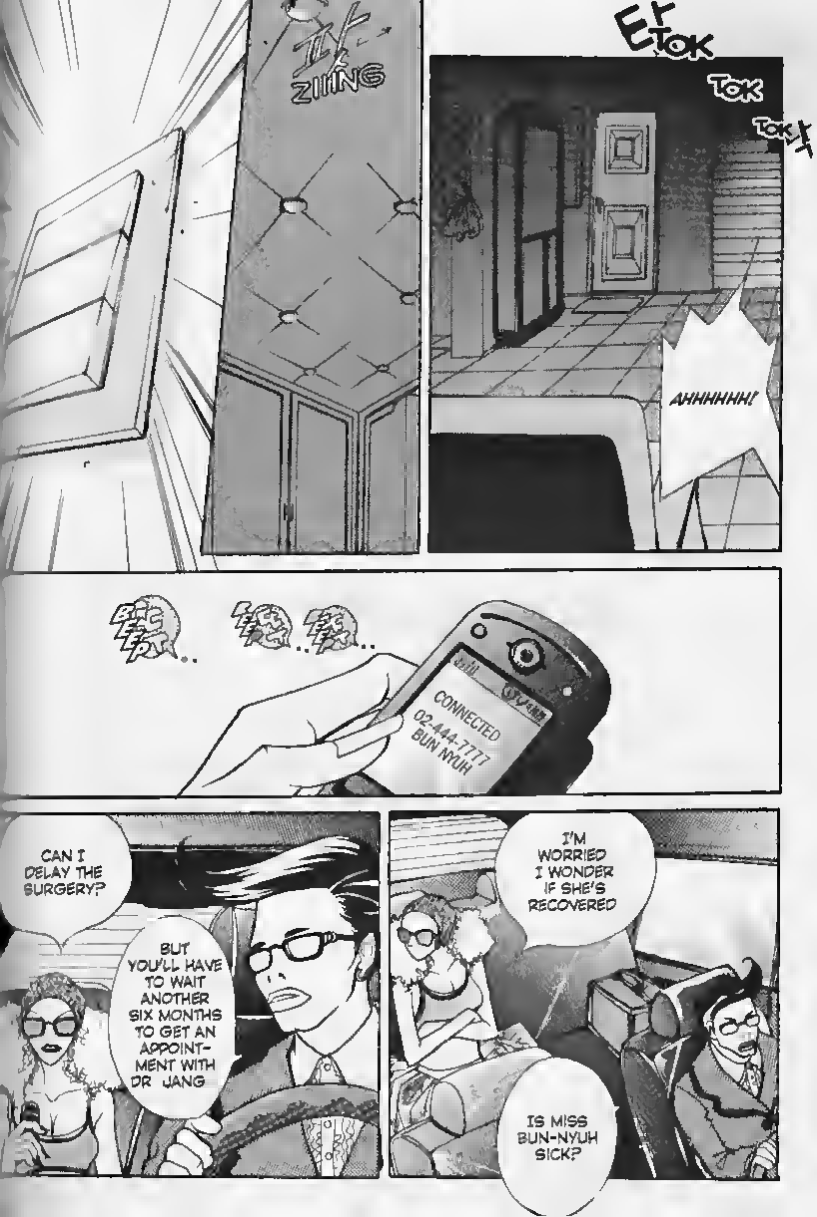
VACATION?
SUMMER'S OVER WHY WOULD YOU GO ON A VACATION NOW? WHERE WOULD YOU GO?
I'M GOING TO MY HOME-TOWN
DO WHAT YOU WANT, BUT I WON'T PAY YOU WHILE YOU'RE GONE
SIGHS
MISS, HOW MUCH IS THIS NECKLACE?
HONEY, BUY THE WHOLE SET
WHEN DID THEY COME IN?
YANG, CUSTOMERS
YANG, CUSTOMERS ARE HERE
!!

HONEY, BUY ME THIS, TOO. AND THIS...

DAMN IT!

WHY A VACATION? WHO WILL DEAL WITH CUSTOMERS?

SLAM
W-WHAT'S WRONG?
AHHHHH!


ZIIING
TOK
TOK
TOK
AHHHHHH!
CONNECTED
02-444-7777
BUN NYUH
CAN I DELAY THE SURGERY?
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT ANOTHER SIX MONTHS TO GET AN APPOINT-MENT WITH DR JANG
I'M WORRIED I WONDER IF SHE'S RECOVERED
IS MISS BUN-NYUH SICK?

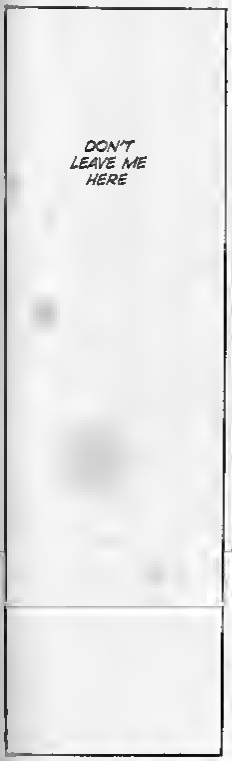
THAT SUMMER...
BUN-NYUH.
SHE HADN'T COME TO SCHOOL FOR A WEEK, AND NO ONE ANSWERED THE PHONE.
HA-CHA
THINKING ABOUT THE AIR IN THAT ROOM GIVES ME CHILLS.
WHERE'S THE SWITCH?
WAS SHE ROBBED OR SOMETHING?

NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
CLICK
SHIVERING
SHIVERING
SHIVERING
SHE HAS A PHOBIA OF THE RAIN!

ZZZK
KRA-
KRRRRRRR

KRA-KOOM
DIE, YOU WITCH!
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD!
DIE.

POOR THING...
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE DIED SO SUDDENLY SHE USED TO SWEAR AT HER DAUGHTER ALL THE TIME
THE OLD SHAMAN WOMAN PRAYED FOR HER DEMISE
TSK-TSK THAT POOR GIRL
DON'T GO...


DON'T LEAVE ME HERE

DON'T GO!

CRRK!!

THIS IS GREAT. I DIDN'T KNOW THIS PLACE EXISTED!
LET'S GO P2P AND RPG*!
SHUT UP WITH THAT INTERNET SLANG! I CAN'T STAND IT!
OH...
*P2P: PEER TO PEER/ RPG: ROLE-PLAYING GAME
THIEVES? THIEVES!
WHATEVS! LMA-MF! HOW 'BOUT 500 WON A GAME?
**LMA-MF: LEAVE ME ALONE, MOTHER FUCKER

ALL RIGHT! NOBODY MOVE!
HUH!
...!

*DMY: DON'T MESS YOURSELF FOOBAR: BEATEN BEYOND RECOGNITION

AHH! THIS IS HORRIBLE! WAS HE ON THE LIST OF THE DEAD?
NO! HE'S TOTALLY CLEAN!
I KNEW THIS PLACE FELT WRONG
SLAP
DOOD! DO*! PLZ DO!
DY2H** IF YOU DIEZ!
OH STRETCH
BIW***! WE'RE SO BUSTED!
OTL
LET'S JUST LEAVE.
BUT THEN HE'LL BE A WANDERING GHOST!

*DO: DON'T DIE!

**DY2H: DAMN YOU TO HELL

***BIW: BOSS IS WATCHING; OTL: DESPAIR (A PERSON ON HANDS AND KNEES)

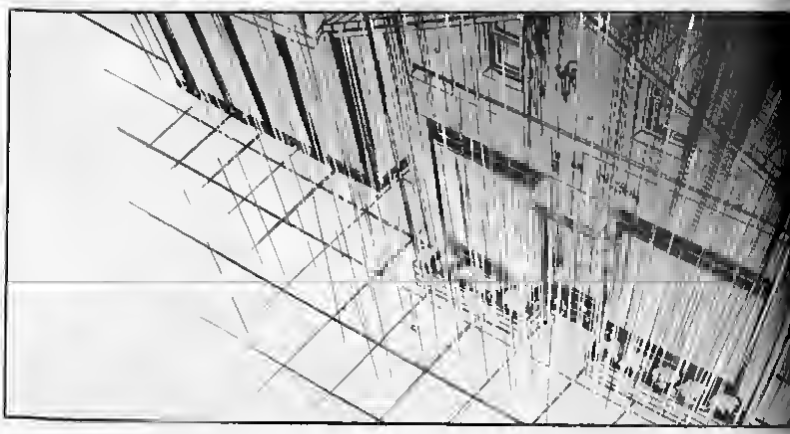
DON'T GO!
DON'T. GO
WHO CARES? RUN!
YOU CAN'T JUST BAIL AND LEAVE ME WITH THIS STIFF!

SHHHHHHH...
TH-THEN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WELL, LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF.

THE HEADQUARTERS OF GREEN RUPERT
YOU IDIOTS!
YOU LOST EVERYTHING TO THAT HUMAN GIRL..
AND BROUGHT ME SOME GUY WHO WASN'T EVEN ON OUR DEAD LIST?!
도박금지
NO GAMBLING
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OUR MOTTO ?!

BUT SHE WAS A MASTER GAMBLER!
SHE KEPT UPPING THE ANTE UNTIL IT BURIED US!
REALLY? WHO THE HELL WAS THIS GIRL?
FAST AND PRECISE
I-I DON'T KNOW...
DTL... DTL...
IT'S GREEN RUPERTS LIKE YOU THAT GIVE ALL GREEN RUPERTS A BAD NAME, THAT WE'RE GAMBLING ADDICTS WHO TAKE BRIBES!
H~
ICBYST*! U STARTED THE RUMORS!
*ICBYST: I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SAID THAT
RYTE?
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE TEH LUSER!
HEY!

-KRA-
-KOOM



PWNED! KEEP YOUR NOSE CLEAN!
YEAH, YEAH.
KEEP IT A SECRET, OR...
...IGTKYA*!
GCAD**!
YES, YES.
REMEMBER, 4LYFE! GL & HF***!
***GL: HF: GOOD LUCK. HAVE FUN.
AHH!
*IGTKYA: I'M GOOD LUCK YOUR A**
**GCAD: GOOD CAT ON BRIAND

WHO ARE YOU?

THEY WERE RIGHT...
THIS HOUSE IS FILLED WITH OLD GHOSTS THE BALANCE OF YIN AND YANG ISN'T RIGHT
THE ENERGY IS COLD IT FEELS ODD
A NORMAL HUMAN LIVING HERE WOULD SURELY DIE...
?
WHERE DID HE GO?

WHO IS YOUR GOD?
HIS IMAGE ISN'T CLEAR TO ME

WHO ARE YOU?
PLEASE, ALLOW ME.
TA DA
THIS MAN MASTERED PSYCHO-LOGICAL WARFARE AND CON-QUERED THE GAMBLING WORLD
SNAP
HE POSSESSES THE SPIRITS OF ALL CARDS.
STRAIGHT FROM HELL, I PRESENT THE LEG-ENDARY MASTER OF GAMES—

--OUR SUPERVISOR DOWN IN HELL!
SO KEWL
WHOOOSH
DISGUSTING...
THE KING OF HELL'S MESSENGERS WILL NOT BE CHEATED!
I WON FAIR AND SQUARE!
WHO TAUGHT YOU THE GAME?
I STUDIED BY MYSELF.
CRAP

YOU CAN'T KEEP HELL'S PROPERTY.
PLEASE RETURN THE UNIFORMS AND OUR LIST OF THE DEAD
PLZ, GIMME SOULS ARE WAITIN' TO BE TAKEN!
HURRY...
HERE
CLICK

SHHHHH
IF YOU WANT IT, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE IT!

HA-
HA-
HA-
HA
NOTHING IN LIFE IS FREE, EH?
FINE. YOU CAN BUILD ME A SHRINE AND PERFORM RITUALS IN MY HONOR.
IN RETURN, I'LL MAKE YOU A GREAT SHAMAN.
SATISFIED?

KICK
KICK
HO HO HO
HEY, HEY. CALM DOWN. I WAS JUST JOKING. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HE'LL NEVER LET THAT DREAM GO, WILL HE?
HE REALLY WANTS THAT SHRINE

*A GAME THAT A PERSON LOSES WHEN THE HEAD COMES OUT FROM THE BARREL WHEN HE OR SHE STABS A KNIFE INTO THE BARREL.

HA-HA-HA-HA-
YOU THINK GREEN RUPERT PLAYS GAMES?
OYR! HE LOST BIG TYM AND GOT PUNISHED FOR FIFTY YEARS! HE HASN'T GAMBLED SINCE!
THAT WAS SOOOO EMBARRASSING YOU GOTTA HAVE SKILLZ TO PLAY!

*OYR: OH YEAH, RIGHT.

I ACCEPT!
BUT I'LL CHOOSE THE GAME.
SHAKING
SHOOOK
COME OUT, NECESSITY OF EVERY HOME!

DEAL!
SHHH
HHK
OHHHH, I MISSED YOU, BI, POONG, CHO, TONG, PAL, SAM*
SHUFF
SHUFF
SHUFF

LET'S SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE
BOSS, U CRAZN!
*CRAZN CRAZY ASIAN
HIS FACE IS ALL FLUSHED GAMBLERS REALLY DO GET EXCITED WHEN THEY SEE MAPLE*
MAKE HIM KWIT!
*AN EXPRESSION STEMMING FROM ONE OF THE CHARACTERS ON KOREAN CARDS BEING A MAPLE LEAF (POONG)

LET'S START.
GL & HF!
*A KOREAN CARD GAME
IS THIS A GOOD HAND? I'VE ONLY EVER WATCHED GRANDMA PLAY
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? IT'S DISTRACTING
SHAKE SHAKE
THE SHAKING MEANS A DOUBLE PAY-OUT! ♡
HEE-HEE-HEE SHAKE MORE PASSIONATELY
IF YANG WERE HERE, HE'D BE USEFUL... DAMN IT
LIKE THIS?
SHE'S LOSING HER NERVE. GO-STOP* IS A BATTLE OF WILLS!

I WILL COMPLETELY DESTROY HER CONFIDENCE!
TIK
HA! FANTAS-TIC!
A POINT!
SCORE!
TIK
THIS GAME ROOLZ!
TIK
STOP*!
...N GO! STOP: IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH POINTS, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO ...THE GAME. STOP "OR GO ON PLAYING" FOR MORE POINTS (GO) ... THE PO... ...TERMINE HOW MUCH MONEY YOU WIN

HA-HA-HA! IF WE WERE PLAYING FOR MONEY, I'D BE A MILLIONAIRE RIGHT NOW!
THAT WAS EASY...
G2G**! WE HAVE SOULS TO STEAL!
YOU'RE RIGHT IS IT THE PERSON WHO IS GOING TO DIE FROM FALLING?
MHM! RIGHT IN FRONT OF THIS STORE...
AWES*** SKILLZ, DOOD!
... ...
HA-HA-HA WELL, I AM A GAMBLING GOD, AFTER ALL
DON'T YOU KNOW MY TALENTS ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO RETRIEVE A SOUL FROM HELL?

***AWES: AWESOME

I DEMAND A REMATCH!
SMIRK
TSK-TSK. YOU SHOUL QUIT BEFOR YOU LOSE EVERYTHIN
HA
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO BET? THIS STORE?
HA
HA!
ROFL-MAO! WHAT A DMBA*!
HA
*ROFL-MAO: ROLLING ON THE FLOOR LAUGHING MY ASS OFF. DMBA: DUMBASS
HA
HA
HAFF
HAFF
WHY NOT WAGER ON THAT SHRINE YOU WANT?

YOU'RE ON!
PUT ALL FORTY-EIGHT PIECES OF HWATOO ON THE WALLS AND LAY A THICK BLANKET ON THE FLOOR.
ONCE THEY'RE IN THE SHRINE, PEOPLE CAN'T STOP SAYING, "GO"!
IF I LOSE, YOU'LL GET YOUR SHRINE.
BUT IF I WIN...
Yes! Yes!
...I WANT TO SEE THIS PERSON.
SHE IS...

I CAN'T SENSE HER AURA. SHE MUST BE DEAD!
WE CAN'T BRING A DEAD PERSON BACK TO THE HUMAN WORLD.
SHE'S CRAZY
YOU JUST SAID YOU COULD DO THAT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BRING HER BACK TO LIFE, JUST LET HER VISIT MY DREAMS!
KID, DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DREAMING NOW?
OF COURSE
GREEN RUPERT IS AN IMAGINARY CREATURE THAT HUMANS CREATED OUT OF CURIOSITY AND A FEAR OF DEATH

AH-HA.
SO CAN YOU SAY THIS DREAM IS NOT REAL LIFE? OR COULD IT BE...?
I'VE SEEN MORE MOVIES THAN I CAN COUNT. I'VE GOT A GREAT IMAGINATION
ARE YOU STUPID?
YOU... AMUSE ME.
VERY FUNNY
I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!

DUN-
DUN
BUILDING MY SHRINE MEANS...
...I WILL BE YOUR GOD AND CONTROL YOUR BODY. YOU'RE AWARE OF THAT, RIGHT?
WHATEVER DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE
HMM..THIS HAND SUCKS

WHO CARES? THIS IS JUST A DREAM.
WOOHOO! SUCH PERFECT CARDS!
ANOTHER POINT
HOW DID YOU GET SO MANY POINTS? DID YOU CHEAT?
IT'S MY OPPONENT'S FAULT
I'LL "GO" AGAIN IF YOU BUILD ME A CAFETERIA TOO.
I HAVE ENOUGH

TIK
IT WILL BE ENDED WITH EITHER A PI OR A KWANG*.
HE KNOWS EVERY TRICK!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO TAKE, AND I CAN'T GIVE UP EITHER PI OR KWANG.
HURRY UP, I CAN'T WAIT FOR-EVER...
WHAT NOW...?
*THE KING OF CARDS IN MYANMAR.
WHATEVER I DO, I'LL LOSE.
HE ONLY NEEDS ONE MORE POINT TO BURY ME.

IT'S NO GOOD.
브라보
HUZZAH! MY OWN
사당
SHRINE!
I WANTED TO SEE HER EVEN IF IT WAS JUST A DREAM.
THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE. IT'S OVER.
CHEER UP! RIBBIT!
HOOOOP
찰박

AHHH!
SHUUUUUU
BI-KWANG! NO CHANGE!
NO, I DIDN'T MEAN TO GIVE UP THAT ONE. THE F-FROG CAME OUT OF THE CARD.
THIS IS SO STUPID EVEN FOR A DREAM, THIS IS SO CHILDISH
NO TAKE-BACKS! YOU CAN RUIN YOUR LIFE WITH JUST ONE MISTAKE
IT'S OVER!

TAKE BI-
KWANG.
TIK
AND...
WOOOSH
..I HAVE MY OWN SHRINE!
HUH?!

*A TERM MEANING YOU PULLED THE SAME KIND OF CARD FROM THE STACK AS THE ONE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO TAKE.

SO IF I TAKE THE CARDS YOU POOPED..
.. YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME ONE PI, RIGHT?
SHHK
HUH? A LUCKY CARD! THEN I GET ONE MORE CARD.
THREE, FOUR.
...SEVEN.

STOP!
YOU LOSE!

KRA-
KOOM
SHHHHHH

FHHHHNG
CAN U PLZ TAKE IT BACK?
A GREEN RUPERT IS NOTHING WITHOUT HIS JOB PLEASE UNBIND HIM FROM THIS PROMISE.
OTL..
OTL..
NO!

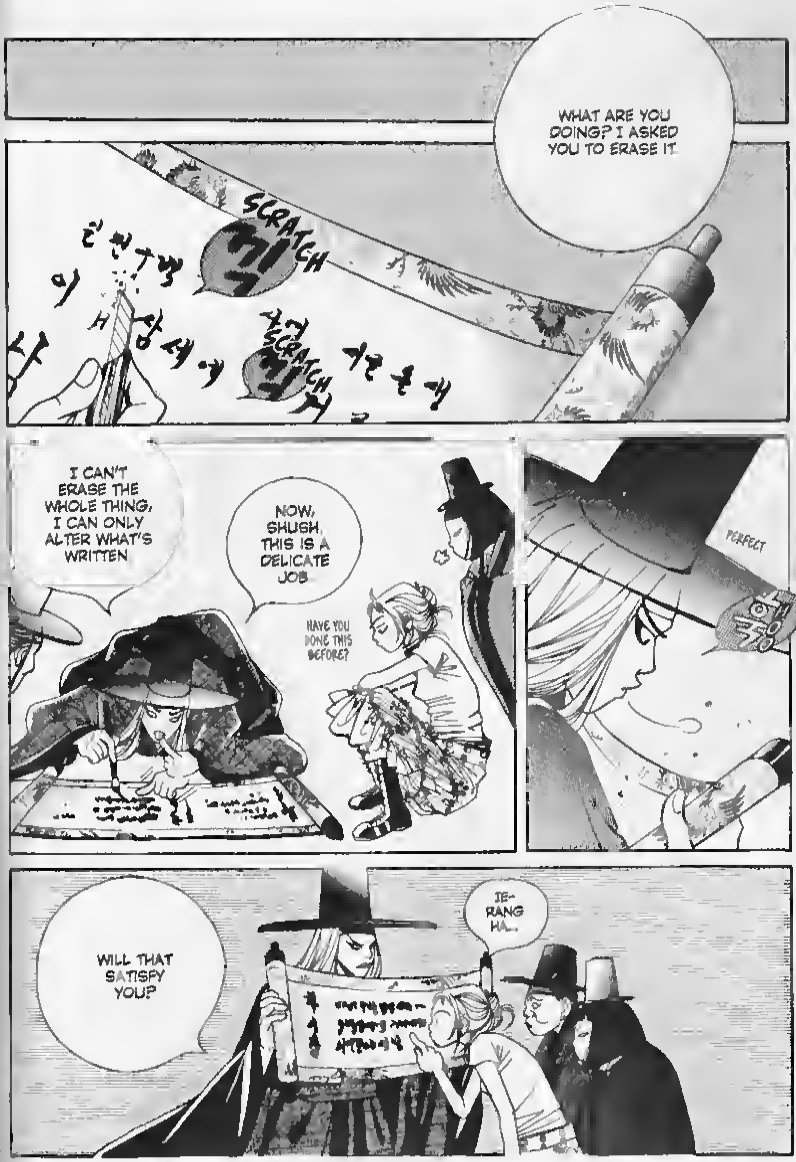
STOP IT. I WON'T BEG HER!
...I REALLY MISS HER
KID, DON'T YOU HAVE OTHER WISHES?
KICK
HUH!
IF YOU WANT TO DIE, DIE ALONE!
IT'S ALREADY TEH BAD U GAMBLED AGAIN, BUT IF U GET PWNED TAKING A SOUL OUTTA HELL, WE'RE ALL FOOBAR!
URADRK! UN2BO!*
*URADRK! UN2BO!: YOU ARE A DORK! YOU NEED TO BACK OFF!

DRRRRR
?
TOK
TOK
HACHA!
WHY AM I DOING THIS..?
SHE'S PROBABLY LOCKED IN HER ROOM CRYING..

IS SHE THE ONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO DIE?
YOU MEAN THE ONE WE'RE EXPECTING TO FALL FROM THIS BUILDING?
CREEEK

CREEEK
UH...
UH..
CRACK

IG HANG MA
BORN IN 1984 IN SEOUL
KIDNAPPED AT 13 YEARS OF AGE WHEN SHE FELL FROM A BUILDING TO THE STREET BELOW
SHHHH


WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I ASKED YOU TO ERASE IT.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
I CAN'T ERASE THE WHOLE THING, I CAN ONLY ALTER WHAT'S WRITTEN
NOW, SHUSH. THIS IS A DELICATE JOB.
HAVE YOU DONE THIS BEFORE?
PERFECT
WILL THAT SATISFY YOU?
JE-RANG HA...

203?!
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IS-RANG BORN IN 1984 IN SEOUL DIED AT 203 YEARS OF AGE WHEN SHE FELL FROM A BUILDING TO THE STREET BELOW
이백삼세에 거리에서
이 낙 사
HOW CRUEL! I SHOULD'VE LET HER DIE
I DID THIS SINCE PROLONGING A DEATH IS EASIER THAN REVERSING ONE
WHO WAS THE WOMAN IN THE PHOTO? YOUR MASTER?
SHE SEEMS FAMILIAR
WE SHOULD BAIL!

BIG SISTER, WHY ARE YOU CRYING AGAIN? YOU ALWAYS CRY, AND EWWW! S'NOT JUST WENT IN YOUR MOUTH!
GRANDMA! MOM TOOK MY MARBLES AGAIN!
MY MOM...
...SHE ALWAYS CALLED ME "BIG SISTER."
MY MOM . WHO WAS YOUNGER THAN ME

I WAS JUST A KID WHEN SHE DIED
I GUESS IT'S OKAY, THOUGH
SHE WAS CRAZY WHEN SHE WAS ALIVE...
.. WHICH MAY BE WHY SHE CAN'T FIND ME, NOT EVEN IN MY DREAMS...
SSSSK
KID, DON'T BE SAD

PEOPLE MAY PART FROM ONE ANOTHER, BUT THEY ALWAYS MEET AGAIN.
EVEN YOU AND I WILL MEET AGAIN
AND LONG AGO...WE MAY HAVE ALREADY MET AND PARTED.

GO AND STOP
GO AND STOP
THAT'S LIFE.
THERE IS
ONLY TIME IN
BETWEEN.
WOW...
...THIS
IS...

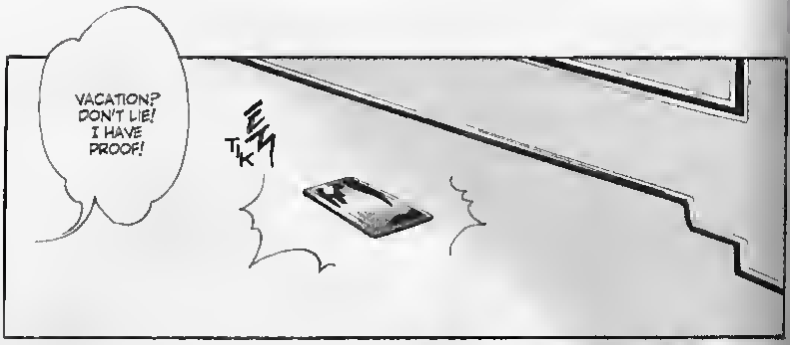
...A
REALLY GREAT
DREAM.

BTW, DIDN'T YOU SENSE YOU'D POO IN THE GAME?
OF COURSE.
THEN, WHY THE SCREW-UP?
HA-HA-HA. SIMPLE...
I LOST MY CONCENTRATION SEEING THE CHARACTERS OF HWATOO WORK SO HARD TO CHEER HER UP.

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
WHAT THE-
BANG

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
JUST OPEN THE WINDOW!
PHEW I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE.
WHAT?!
GIRL WHO WILL PAINT THE WALL WITH HER OWN POO*
*KOREAN EXPRESSION USED WHEN SOMEONE LIVES A VERY LONG TIME
I WANT TO BELIEVE THE DREAM WAS REAL.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR SURGERY?
I WAS GONNA GET A LIFT FOR MY NOSE AND CHEEKBONES.
..BUT I CALLED IT OFF ON ACCOUNT OF THE RAIN ARE YOU OKAY?

LET'S GET BREAKFAST. I HAD A DREAM THAT STOPPED YOU FROM DYING, SO YOU PAY.
DREAM? WHAT DREAM?
IS SHE REALLY OKAY?
Stticky
?
.....
HOW DARE YOU...
YOU PLAYED GO-STOP WITH YANG ALL NIGHT, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU SNEAKY BRAT!!
SHHH
NO, HE'S ON VACATION.



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